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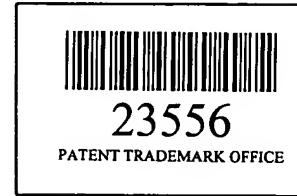
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application in the name of Denise R. Couture, residing at 3623 Quaker Ridge Lane, Appleton, WI 54914; and in the name of Yvette L. Hammonds, residing at 3033 Rosewood Lane, Oshkosh, WI 54904; and in the name of Valerie L. Kurbec, residing at 307 E. Doty Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956; and in the name of Shelley R. Rasmussen, residing at 3297 Creek Side Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904; and in the name of William G. Reeves, residing at 616 E. Greenfield Street, Appleton, WI 54911; and in the name of William G. Stratton, residing at 660 River Lane, Anoka, MN 55303; and in the name of Manuel A. Torres, 7430 Newstead Drive, Cumming, GA 30041.

Enclosed are:

1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
2. A Specification having a total of thirty-eight (38) pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and forty-eight (48) claims.
3. Eighteen (18) sheets of drawings.
4. And, if indicated:

A preliminary amendment.

An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.

A Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2) (B)(i).

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 and/or 35 U.S.C. 119(e), Applicants hereby claim priority from presently copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/313,604 entitled "MECHANICAL FASTENING SYSTEM HAVING ORTHOGONALLY ORIENTED ENGAGEMENT MEMBERS" and filed on August 20, 2001, in the names of Jason R. Cole, Denise R. Couture, Yvette L. Hammonds, Valerie R. Kurbec, Allan J. Krueger, Jason J. Manders, Shelley R. Rasmussen, David C. Strandberg, William G. Stratton, Manuel A. Torres, Jennifer A. Trottier, and Robert J. Waldron (Docket No. 16,508).

Please preliminarily amend the specification of the present application by inserting, as the first sentence following the title, the following: -- This application claims priority from presently copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/313,604 entitled "MECHANICAL FASTENING SYSTEM HAVING ORTHOGONALLY ORIENTED ENGAGEMENT MEMBERS" and filed on August 20, 2001, in the names of Jason R. Cole, Denise R. Couture, Yvette L. Hammonds, Valerie R. Kurbec, Allan J. Krueger, Jason J. Manders, Shelley R. Rasmussen, David C. Strandberg, William G. Stratton, Manuel A. Torres, Jennifer A. Trottier, and Robert J. Waldron (Docket No. 16,508).--

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I, Catherine E. Wolf, hereby certify that on December 20, 2001, the aforementioned documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, Express Mail No. EK563980625US in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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